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\$10,000 Settlement Reached with Jordan/Central Implement Company

Los Angeles - - The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$10,000 settlement with Jordan/Central Implement Company (JCIC) for hazardous waste violations at its facility at 950 South Dogwood Road in El Centro. JCIC sells and services agricultural machinery and equipment.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on December 8, 2003, JCIC will pay a total penalty of \$10,000, of which \$5,000 is an administrative penalty and \$5,000 is reimbursement of DTSC's costs. A copy of the Order, which formalizes the settlement, is available on the DTSC Web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Jordan-CIC/Jordan-CIC_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations noted during a September 18, 2001 inspection of the JCIC facility. The DTSC inspector cited JCIC for unauthorized storage and failure to minimize the release of a hazardous waste.

Also, as part of the settlement, JCIC has agreed to further characterize the solid waste generated from the sump in the equipment washing area that gave rise to the enforcement action and properly handle the waste generated by its operation.

If JCIC sends an employee to California Compliance School (CCS) and submits a certificate of satisfactory completion of the training to DTSC within 180 days of the effective date of this Order, JCIC will receive a \$5,000 credit for the administrative penalty portion of the settlement. CCS training provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. If a certificate of completion is not submitted with 180 days, JCIC will pay DTSC the full \$5,000 administrative penalty.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.